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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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 For: **Cook and Chill Casing**
 Inventors: Menges *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
2. Amendment and Reply to *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action;
3. (1) Annotated Marked-Up Sheet (with Figures 1 and 2);
4. (1) Replacement Sheet (with Figures 1 and 2);
5. Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Form PTO-1449 (3 sheets) with (8) accompanying documents;
7. Return postcard; and
8. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$395.00 to cover the RCE filing fee (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114) (*small entity*).

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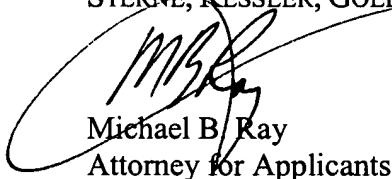
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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